# West Virginia's

# Drug Endangered Children Conference



# Protecting our Children Empowering our Communities





# August 28, 2014 Charleston Marriott Town Center

#### Sponsored by:

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"The work we do for ourselves follows us to the grave. The work we do for our community lives on forever." 
~ Theodore Roosevelt

#### **Course Description**

**The 2014 WV Drug Endangered Children Conference** is a one day training event providing pertinent information and training for professionals in West Virginia's Drug Endangered Children (DEC) program. Included in the conference will be updates on new developments in law enforcement, prosecution, child protection, substance abuse, research, medical treatment and environmental health.

#### **Who Should Attend**

Law Enforcement, Child Protection Workers, Prosecutors, Medical Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Treatment Providers, Courts, Probation/Parole, Corrections, Victim Advocates, Drug Court Personnel, Day Report, Teachers, CASAs, Youth Workers, Paramedics, EMTs, Hospital Social Workers, Foster Parents, and the Faith Community.

#### **Conference Objectives**

This educational offering will enable participants to:

- 1. Review key components of a DEC Program and provide an overview of the best practices for protection and treatment for drug endangered children throughout the State of West Virginia.
- 2. Increase awareness of resources available to respond to prescription drug abuse and the methamphetamine epidemic.
- 3. Understand the psychological and social effects on children who are exposed to illegal drug activity. Understand how to help children in at-risk environments to respond positively to treatment efforts.
- 4. Work with child protective services to better address the needs of children affected from drug endangered environments and train staff state-wide to ensure safety of children and workers in our communities.
- 5. Provide training to law enforcement on successful investigative techniques for narcotic cases.
- 6. Raise awareness and understanding of the drugs affecting WV children and families and the devastating effects of substance abuse on children.

#### For more information about the conference, contact:

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WV Drug Endangered Children Coordinator
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"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children.

One of these is roots; the other wings." ~ William Hodding Carter, Jr.



#### Lodging

Conference participants will need to make their own room reservations at the Charleston Marriott by calling the Marriott Reservation Line at 800-228-9290 or (304) 345-6500. Ask for the "WDR" room block. Reservations must be made by August 6, 2012 to guarantee the discounted group rate of \$95 per night. Hotel room rates are subject to state and local taxes.

#### **Parking**

The on-site parking fee at the Marriott is \$12 daily. You may park at the Charleston Town Center Mall directly across the street for a fee of \$1.75 daily.

#### **Continuing Education Credits**

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be requested for the following disciplines:



- Attorneys
- The Law Enforcement Training Subcommittee
- WV Board of Social Work Examiners
- WV Board of Examiners in Counseling
- WV Nursing Board
- Domestic Violence Advocates
- WV Board of Examiners of Psychology
- WV Certification Board for Addiction & Prevention Professionals

#### **Exhibit Information**

If you are interested in exhibiting at the 2014 Drug Endangered Children Conference, please contact Andrea Darr at 304-558-3348 or by email at Andrea.L.Darr@wv.gov. Exhibitors must register for the conference but there is no extra cost to exhibit. We have space for 20 exhibitors.

"When children grow up in violent homes, they must find a way to preserve a sense of trust in people who are untrustworthy, safety in a situation that is unsafe, control in a situation that is terrifyingly unpredictable, power in a situation of helplessness."

Dr. Judith Herman



#### **AGENDA**

### Thursday, August 28, 2014

8:30 am - 10:00 am

#### **Drug Endangered Children**

Vanessa Price, OK DEC, Retired Law Enforcement

10:10 am – 11:15 am **WV Drug Trends** TBA

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

#### **Drug Endangered Children Tracking System (DECSYS)**

Karan Goldsberry, CO DEC

12:00 am - 1:00 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

**Turtle on a Fence** 

Chris Waldrep, Lawrence County, AL, Sheriff's Department

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm

**Handle With Care** 

U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin, Chad Napier, Tracy Chapman

2:40 pm - 3:15 pm

#### **2014 Legislative Updates**

Philip Morrison, WV PAI, Executive Director

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

**Human Trafficking** 

Andy Cogar, AUSA, NDWV (tentative)

Adjourn



# **Session Descriptions**

#### **Identifying and Responding to Drug Endangered Children**

Vanessa Price, OK DEC, Retired Law Enforcement

Every day, children face emotional and physical neglect, bodily harm, and even sexual abuse because their parents or caregivers use, possess, deal, or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances. In some homes, children are in constant physical danger due to the presence of syringes, toxic chemicals, weapons, or the parents themselves. Because of abuse and neglect, far too many of these children face injury or even death. The issues surrounding drug endangered children are complicated and varied. Law enforcement agencies are often the first to identify drug endangered children, but their primary responsibility and training do not necessarily equip them to recognize or fully respond to the needs of children. This session will focus on the DEC response which increases the likelihood of identifying and intervening on behalf of children at risk of neglect and abuse. Comprehensive partnerships between law enforcement, prosecutors, child welfare workers, educators, and others are critical for the effective protection of these children.

#### **WV Drug Trends**

TBA

Largely rural, WV's most pronounced drug problems involve the abuse and clandestine manufacture of methamphetamine, pharmaceutical drug diversion and abuse, heroin and marijuana consumption and cultivation. Cocaine, club drugs and synthetic drugs are all available in most areas of the state. This presentation will give you an overview of drugs trends in WV and the detrimental effects these drugs have on the children and families of WV.

#### **Drug Endangered Children Tracking System (DECSYS)**

Karan Goldsberry, CO DEC

Currently, law enforcement's involvement in identifying children endangered by drug-related activity is dependent on these children being present at the scene of a drug-related arrest. This poses a significant gap in identifying and tracking children who are endangered by this activity, but not present at the time of arrest. In this session, we will review the DECSYS program from Colorado that helps identify significantly more drug endangered children, by improving the means of communication between law enforcement and child welfare. Attendees will hear about specific DECSYS impact scenarios, be introduced to the DECSYS system interface, and be presented with outcome data.

#### **Turtle on a Fence**

Chris Waldrep, Lawrence County, AL, Sheriff's Department

This presentation will provide a unique perspective on working cases where child abuse, family violence and drug abuse are all present. Chris is in a unique position investigating drug endangered children cases as he himself grew up in a drug endangered environment.



# **Session Descriptions**

#### **Handle With Care**

U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin, Chad Napier, Tracy Chapman, Janet Allio A recent national survey of the incidence and prevalence of children's exposure to violence revealed that 60% of American children have been exposed to violence, crime or abuse. Forty percent were direct victims of two or more violent acts. Prolonged exposure to violence and trauma can seriously undermine children's ability to focus, behave appropriately, and learn in school. It often leads to school failure, truancy, suspension or expulsion, dropping out, or involvement in the juvenile justice system. "Handle with Care" is aimed at ensuring that children who are exposed to violence in their home, school or community receive appropriate interventions to help them achieve academically at their highest levels despite whatever traumatic circumstances they may have endured. "Handle with Care" provides the school with a "heads up" when a child has been identified at the scene of a traumatic event. It could be a meth lab explosion, a domestic violence situation, a shooting in the neighborhood, witnessing a malicious wounding, a drug raid at the home, etc. Police are trained to identify children at the scene, find out where they go to school and send the school a confidential email or fax that simply says . . . "Handle Johnny with care". This session will give you an overview of the Handle with Care program, where it is piloted and where the program is going.

#### Legislative Update

Philip Morrison, WVPAI, Executive Director

This session will cover changes in WV statutory law for 2014 including changes to the crime victims compensation fund, the addition of the misdemeanor offense for child neglect, changes to the possession and distribution elements of the child pornography statue, the banning of synthetic hallucinogens, reforms in juvenile sentencing, conditional discharge for first offense underage purchase of alcohol, modifications to the definition of assault/battery and domestic assault/battery to conform to federal law, the authorization to share juvenile records and the establishment of a regulatory system for sexual assault forensic examinations.

#### **Human Trafficking**

Andy Cogar, AUSA, NDWV (tentative)

In this presentation, human trafficking will be defined and its myths will be debunked. Participants will learn various methods which traffickers use to recruit young victims into Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking as well as other forms of control used by traffickers. The presentation also will include an overview of federal and state laws used to combat human trafficking, risk factors for trafficking, and actual examples of human trafficking in West Virginia.

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . . But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

~Forest E. Witcraft

# **Faculty**



#### **Andrew Cogar**

Assistant U.S. Attorney, NDWV

Andy is an Assistant United States Attorney, prosecuting federal crimes in the Northern District of West Virginia. He earned degrees in communication studies and mathematics from West Virginia University, graduating summa cum laude, and studied mathematics and philosophy at the University of Glamorgan in Wales as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. After graduating with highest honors from the WVU College of Law, Andy completed a clerkship with United States District Court Judge Irene M. Keeley, and worked as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, he helped to establish the West Virginia Civil Rights Task Force, a statewide working group committed to the prevention, identification, and investigation of civil rights violations, including human trafficking and bias motivated crimes.

#### **Karan Goldsberry**

Project Manager, DECSYS

Karan Goldsberry is the Product Manager for DECSYS at the Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. She is a software systems architect with 18 years of experience designing user applications. Ms. Goldsberry holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering with an emphasis in Software Systems Design from Boston University, and an MBA from the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado with emphasis in Social Sector Enterprise and Marketing.

#### R. Booth Goodwin II

United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia

A native of Ripley, West Virginia, U.S. Attorney Goodwin graduated with honors from West Virginia University with a degree in economics, and subsequently earned a law degree from Washington and Lee University, located in Lexington, Va. Following law school, Goodwin practiced for five years with the Charleston law firm of Goodwin & Goodwin. In January 2001, Goodwin was appointed and sworn in as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia and served in that position until May 2010. During his tenure as Assistant United States Attorney, Goodwin prosecuted numerous cases of regional and national significance. He previously served as chief of the Economic Crimes Section and also served as the office's lead computer hacking and intellectual property crimes prosecutor. As the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, Goodwin has piloted several initiatives that have helped revitalize drug and crime stricken communities in the District. Goodwin continues to lead an office that has worked diligently to address major issues such as: child exploitation, fraud, workplace safety, drug and gun crimes and prescription drug abuse.



# **Faculty**

#### **Philip Morrison**

WV Prosecuting Attorney's Institute, Executive Director

Philip graduated from Marshall University in 1980 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, having majored in Finance. He later graduated (1985) from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham Alabama and became licensed to practice in the State of WV that fall. After two years in private practice he began prosecuting in Kanawha County. Over the last twenty years he has prosecuted and supervised prosecution of all manner of criminal activity in both Kanawha and Putnam Counties as assistant or senior assistant prosecutor. Most recently he was the Chief Deputy Assistant Prosecutor in Kanawha County until he accepted the position of Executive Director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Institute in January of 2005. As the Executive Director he oversees the selection of Special Prosecutors for the State, as well as the training of all Prosecutors and much of the rest of the Law Enforcement Community. In addition he handles a case or two annually around the State as a Special Prosecutor or Special Assistant Prosecutor.

#### Vanessa Price

Law Enforcement (retired), Oklahoma City, OK

Vanessa Price was employed as a police officer with the City of Oklahoma City from October 1990 through January 2012. She retired at the rank of Inspector and was assigned to Operations Administration as the Interim Executive Director for Weed and Seed Programs. Mrs. Price held that position from September 2009 through January 2012. Her prior assignment from May of 1998 to September 2009 was with the Oklahoma County Drug Court. She was instrumental in the development of the Oklahoma County Drug Court Program, including policy manual development, budgeting, and staff training. Training presentations and curriculum development include recognizing the signs of mental illness, identification of a subject under the influence of drugs, effectively communicating with consumers, strengths-based interviewing, team building, drug testing, program planning and development, grant writing, community supervision, cultural proficiency for consumers served, ethics & confidentiality in treatment programs, psychopharmacology of drugs for first responders, community resource identification and development. Mrs. Price has worked extensively across Oklahoma and nationally to develop and train jurisdiction on Drug Endangered Children. In 2012 she co-authored legislation which defined what a drug endangered child is and established criminal prosecutorial standing in drug related cases which put children at risk. In 2013 she received the National DEC Collaborative Leadership Award and was recently appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. Mrs. Price has an Associate's Degree from Oklahoma State University in Applied Police Science and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Criminal Justice.

# **Faculty**



#### Sgt. Chris Waldrep

Lawrence County Sherriff's Office, Moulton, Alabama

Sgt. Chris Waldrep is the Domestic Violence Unit Director and Special Victim Unit Investigator for the Lawrence County Sheriffs Office in Moulton, Alabama. Chris is tasked as the SWAT Team Commander and he has been in law enforcement for 14 years. He was the officer of the year in 2004 and was nominated by his community in 2008 to the America's Most Wanted All Star Officer of the Year contest. In 2008 he started the first Drug Endangered Child program in the State of Alabama and continues to try to spread the movement throughout the state and the southeast. He received a BS degree from the University of North Alabama in criminal justice and sociology in 1998. Chris loves college football, especially his 2010 BCS National Champion Auburn Tigers, but he has one greater love, his son Peyton Waldrep, which is his world.

#### Lt. Chad Napier

Charleston Police Department, Bureau Chief of Investigative Services

Lt. Napier graduated from West Virginia State College in 1994 with a BS in Criminal Justice. He began his career as a Correctional Officer in Moundsville State Prison in 1994. In the spring of 1995, he was hired by the Boone County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy. In September of 1995, he began his employment with the Charleston Police Department (CPD). From April of 1997 to November of 2000, he was assigned to the CPD Street Crimes Unit. One of his primary duties was the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of street level drug dealers. From November of 2000 to September of 2002, he was assigned as a detective with the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). His primary duty with MDENT was the investigation and prosecution of state and federal drug violations. From September of 2002 to April of 2005, he was assigned as a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Charleston, West Virginia. His primary duty with the DEA was the investigation and prosecution of drug crimes in violation of U.S. Code Title 21. From April of 2005 to January of 2006, he was assigned to MDENT as a supervisor. His primary duty with MDENT was the supervision of drug unit investigators and investigations. In January of 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and he was assigned to the CPD Patrol Division as a shift commander. After graduating the FBI National Academy in September of 2007, he was transferred to the Housing Division as the commander. On March 2, 2009 he was appointed as the Commander of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). In May of 2013, he was promoted to Bureau Chief of Investigative Services for the Charleston Police Department. As Bureau Chief, Lt. Napier is in charge of the MDENT, the Charleston Police Department Special Enforcement Unit, and the Charleston Police Department Criminal Investigative Division.

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**Questions?** For questions and concerns about the registration process, please contact Pam Schafer at 304-558-3348 or via email at Mary.P.Schafer@wv.gov

**Cancellations:** No refunds will be given for "no shows" or cancellations. If you must cancel your conference registration, please contact Pam immediately. Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE, but may be transferred to another individual within your agency.